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Youich Tei, et al

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Examiner: Nikolas J. Uhli

For: METHOD OF DRYING THERMOPLASTIC
NORBORNENE RESIN THE SUBSTRATE FOR
MAGNETIC STORAGE MEDIA USING THE
THERMOPLASTIC NORBORNENE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2003, kindly consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 are pending and are at issue.

The Examiner has required restriction among the claims of Group I, claims 1-4 and 17-20 directed to a method, and the claims of Group II, claims 5-16, directed to a plastic substrate and a recording medium.

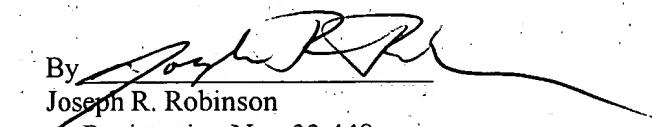
The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed, and reconsideration is requested.

Although the claims are classified in different subclasses by the Patent Office, a search of the prior art based upon the claims of Group I should develop the prior art relevant to the claims of Group II. Accordingly, examination of all of the pending claims of this application will not present an undue burden to the Examiner.

It is believed that the claims are free of any ground for rejection over the prior art, and early passage to allowance is earnestly solicited.

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